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Applicant: Malan de VILLIERS

Serial No.: 10/527,656

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Title: ARTHROPLASTY IMPLANT

Group No.: 3738

Examiner:
Suba Ganesan

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING
OF RESPONSE UNDER RULE 1.136(a)**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Petition is filed with the Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed 11 September 2007. The time period for submission of this Amendment was set to expire 11 December 2007.

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time of three (3) months for filing this Amendment in the above-identified patent application, such extension to expire 11 March 2008, which time is within the statutory period.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

11 March 2008

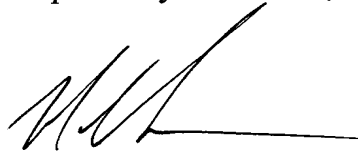
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The Fee set in Rule 1.17 for the above-period is enclosed. If there is any deficiency or overage in the Fee required for the above-requested extension, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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